Westfield City Council August 13, 2012

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday August 13, 2012 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Jim Ake, John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Bob Smith, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Attorney Brian Zaiger.

President Horkay called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

There were some typo changes in the July 9, 2012 minutes. After some clarification Rob Stokes moved to approve the July 9, 2012 minutes as amended. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0: Abstain-1 (Cindy Spoljaric). Motion carried.

Claims:

John Dippel moved to approve the claims as submitted. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation:
Quarterly Update from Downtown Westfield Association (DWA):

Director of DWA Anne Poynter announced some of the marketing and plans for the DWA. She announced that in spite of the weather WR4 was a success. She announced that the Grand Junction Funktion will be taking place in October. Westfield in Lights will be enhancing the lighting display for this December.

Much of the DWA Board focus is on Grant and Leasing agreements to fill many of the vacant spots.

Façade Improvement Grant Program Update:

Planner for Community/Economic Development Andrew Murray gave a brief update on the enhancement incentive. There are a few businesses in the Downtown area that are in the review process moving forward.

Bob Smith, serving as part of the review board, described the Façade Improvement program. He feels that this program has been a success.

Old Business:
Ordinance 12-17: Additional Appropriation Ordinance (General)
Introduction – June 11, 2012
Second Reading – June 25, 2012
Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012
Public Hearing – August 13, 2012

Second Adoption Consideration – August 27, 2012

Attorney Brian Zaiger explained that the timing of the advertisement was off delaying the recording of this ordinance with last month's adoption.

Cindy Spoljaric questioned that the front page wording was different from the original ordinance that passed last month.

Council would prefer to wait until the August 27th City Council meeting to consider this item.

New Business:
Towne West PUD Ordinance
Introduction – August 13, 2012
APC Public Hearing – September 4, 2012
APC Recommendation – September 17, 2012
Adoption Consideration –October 8, 2011

Andrew Murray introduced Ordinance Towne West PUD to the Council. He introduced Attorney Matt Price with Bingham Law Firm. Mr. Price, representing the petitioner, described the retail uses including medical offices. The plan also includes residential with some assisted living facilities.

Council's consensus is to send this item on to the APC. John Dippel stated his recommendation would be to postpone and not forward to APC.

Rob Stokes had questions on acreage and square footage.

Cindy Spoljaric had concerns with lack of information with this initial plan.

John Dippel made some comparisons with Harmony PUD and he had concerns with the intent of Hamilton County paying for a round-a-bout.

Steve Hoover had concerns about road access, timing and sewer. In reality this is probably a three to five years from development start. He would feel more comfortable putting more enhancements in place to give this Council some comfort.

Jim Ake believes that with so many moving parts, it would be appropriate, to forward this PUD to APC for a public Hearing.

John Dippel is not in support of forwarding this PUD to APC.

It was the general consensus to move this to the APC for a public hearing.

Grand Park Village PUD
Introduction – August 13, 2012
APC Public Hearing – September 4, 2012
APC Recommendation – September 17, 2012
Adoption Consideration – October 8, 2012

Assistant Director for Community/Economic Development Jennifer Miller introduced Steve Henke, President of Henke Development Company. Mr. Henke introduced his team Brad Henke and Betsy Henke Garfield. He described the Wheeler Road extension and the economic impact.

He described many of the amenities including a 20 acre lake and some of the vendors that are committed to being located in Grand Park Village.

Following some discussion the Council's consensus is to forward this to APC for a public hearing.

Springmill Corner PUD
Introduction – August 13, 2012
APC Public Hearing – September 4, 2012
APC Recommendation – September 17, 2012
Adoption Consideration – October 8, 2012

Planner Sarah Reed introduced Springmill Corner PUD. She described the property and location. Representing the petitioner, Jesse Pohlman from Faegre, Baker, Daniels LLP, explained the process to date.

Rob Stokes had concerns with the mushroom affect and feels that this is not the appropriate location for this proposal.

Steve Hoover feels that the Council will need to come up with an appropriate transition from what has already been developed in the area. He would like to have the support of the surrounding property owners before considering this PUD.

Cindy Spoljaric would like to have this come to the APC for a public hearing.

John Dippel agrees with the comments of the Councilor's. He feels that this should come to APC for a public hearing.

Bob Smith asked if there have been any initial concerns from surrounding property owners. Mr. Pohlman said that mainly the comments have been about aesthetics.

Jim Ake would like to hear neighborhood input. He had traffic concerns.

Steve Hoover had the same traffic concerns.

Matt Skelton will coordinate with Public Works on traffic impact and communicate back to the Council.

Resolution 12-108: Springmill Trails Voluntary Annexation Fiscal Plan
Introduction – August 13, 2012
Adoption Consideration – August 27, 2012

Ordinance 12-27 Springmill Trails Voluntary Annexation

Introduction – August 13, 2012
Public Hearing – August 13, 2012
Second Reading – August 27, 2012
Adoption Consideration – August 27, 2012

Sarah Reed introduced both Resolution 12-108 and Ordinance 12-27. These are related documents.

Matt Skelton explained the reason behind the annexation timing. There is little additional infrastructure needed. This is a voluntary annexation.

President Horkay opened the public hearing at 8:45 P.M. Hearing no one the public hearing was closed at 8:46 P.M.

This will come back to the Council in two weeks for consideration.

Council Comments:

- Jim Ake thanked the Fire and Police for the Jake Laird Fund Raiser with the cooperation of Ameriana Bank.

- Cindy Spoljaric distributed information on the recording / video taping of City meetings. Director of Informatics Derrick Cash explained that as of last week the capabilities have been installed after a few conversations with vendors and Council members. Mr. Cash would like direction from the Council. Steve Hoover would like to start small from a cost standpoint. Chief of Staff Todd Burtron reminded the Council that the 2013 Budget is in the process and this would be a good time to get some direction from a Budget stand point.

Jim Ake moved to adjourn and this was seconded by John Dippel. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

President